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Plastic Recycling Myths

Keeping Up with an Expanding Market



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It takes more energy to recycle



84% energy reduction:
recycled PET flake



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Downcycling is the only option



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Only bottles have markets



plasticsrecycling.org/rigid-plastics

plasticbagrecycling.org



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EPS isn't recyclable



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Caps aren't recyclable



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Form doesn't matter



Blow molded

Injection molded



Thermoform



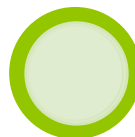
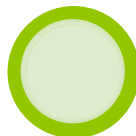
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Recycled once and done



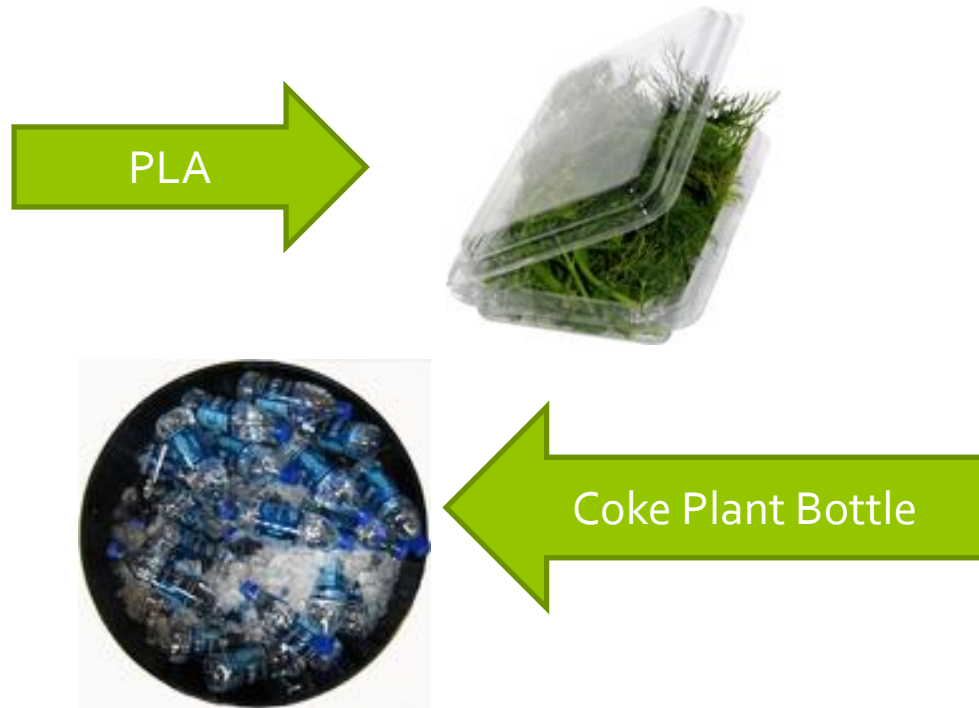
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Bio-based plastics are never recyclable



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Degradable additives are recyclable



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Little numbers are good education tools

Plastic RIC.

Short for what?



- a. Plastic Resin Identification Codes
- b. Plastic Recycling is Confusing



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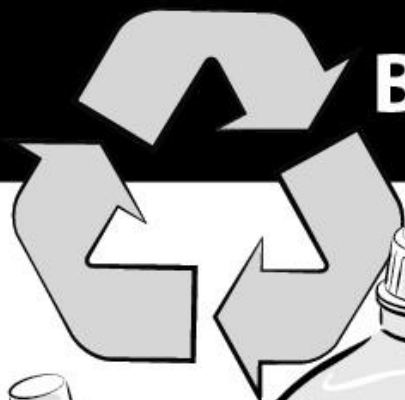
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Bottles & Containers



**caps on • remove food
no foam, bags, or wrappers**



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Pitch it in. The MRF can sort it out.



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China-bound bales come back as goods



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